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Mr. Terry R. Carlstrom
Regional Director
National Capital Region
National Park Service
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Washington, D.C. 20242

Dear Mr. Carlstrom:

The National Capital Planning Commission, at its meeting on March 4, 1999, considered sites for the proposed Martin Luther King (MLK), Jr. Memorial and approved the Constitution Gardens location for the memorial. In approving this location, the Commission requested that the National Park Service and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Project Foundation use landscaping to ensure appropriate buffering, and other design features to accommodate traffic flow, between the MLK and World War II Memorials, and between the MLK Memorial and the rest of Constitution Gardens.

The Commission also established the following design parameters for the MLK Memorial at the Constitution Gardens site:

1. The site will be 4.5 acres at the east end surrounding the plaza.
2. The developable area of the memorial will not exceed 2 acres.
3. The height of the memorial will be limited to 38 feet above the existing grade of the terrace.
4. The memorial should not visually encroach on the World War II Memorial.
5. The pedestrian movement that has been delineated in the World War II Memorial design must be recognized and accommodated.

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The Commission looks forward to working with the Park Service and the Foundation as the memorial is developed.

Sincerely,

(Sgd. Reginald W. Griffith)

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Executive Director